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# Witness in JFK Probe Is Linked to CIA

NEW ORLEANS—Gordon Novel, sought as a witness in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination, worked for the Central Intelligence Agency in early 1961, Novel's attorney said yesterday.

The attorney, Steve Plotkin said Novell served as an intermediary between the CIA and anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans and Miami before the April, 1961, Bay of Pigs invasion. Plotkin maintained, though, that Novel had "little or nothing to do with the Bay of Pigs invasion and certainly had absolutely nothing to do with the assassination of President Kennedy."

Garrison has charged that the CIA fomented a "monstrous coverup" to dupe the Warren Commission in its investigation of the assassination.

Plotkin made his statement after the New Orleans States-Item said it had discovered a letter written by Novel apparently to a CIA official named "Mr. Weiss" and asking that he be taken "out of this mess" in March of this year.

## Garrison Says CIA Hides JFK's Killers

NEW ORLEANS, May 23 (AP) — District Attorney Jim Garrison said today that guerrilla fighters shooting at the assassin, crossfire from these points as assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

His eight-month investiga-

### Commonwealth Meeting

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NAIROBI, Kenya, May 23—Commonwealth trade and economic experts from 25 countries planned to discuss how developing nations can help each other at a ten-day conference opening here Wednesday.

tion also shows, Garrison said in an interview, that the CIA is concealing the whereabouts of the assassins.

The killers—anti-Castro adventurers—were helped by an unarmed fellow conspirator who caused a ruckus in Dealey Plaza, Garrison said.

"It's quite obvious that the CIA knew who they were," Garrison said, "because they had previously been CIA employees."

He said Lee Harvey Oswald, the man named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin, was not the one who killed President Kennedy.